

acid, 2,2',6',2''-terpyridine, tiglic acid, fusidic acid, betamethasone acetate, monesin or mevinlin, to act upon said sample with said lipoprotein contained therein to consume only said free cholesterol under conditions that said lipoproteins remain substantially unchanged; and then measuring said cholesterol, which exists in said specific lipoprotein, by using a substance which acts upon said specific lipoprotein only.

6. (Amended) A quantitation method according to claim 4, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase and/or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

7. (Amended) A quantitation method according to claim 4, wherein said specific lipoprotein is high density lipoprotein.

12. (Amended) A pretreatment agent according to claim 8, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol dehydrogenase or cholesterol oxidase.

Please add the following new claims.

38. (New) A pretreatment method according to claim 2, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

39. (New) A quantitation method according to claim 5, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase and/or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

40. (New) A quantitation method according to claim 5, wherein said specific lipoprotein is high density lipoprotein.

41. (New) A pretreatment agent according to claim 9, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol dehydrogenase or cholesterol oxidase.

42. (New) A pretreatment agent according to claim 10, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol dehydrogenase or cholesterol oxidase.